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HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

14th November 2007

S.R.O. No. 613/2007—Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that Shri Prayas Kranti Samal, Chairperson of Bhadrak Municipality has been involved in certain irregularities and has acted in gross violation of the Orissa Municipal Act, 1950 and the Rules;

And whereas, the Housing & Urban Development Department vide their letter No.21633 dated the 21st September, 2006 instructed the Municipality to execute all the works by utilizing funds grants under 12th Finance Commission Grant by inviting tenders. But the Chairperson has in defiance to such Government order allowed to execute all the works departmentally without adopting the tender process;

Besides, tender process has not been followed for the execution of works under Calamity Relief Fund, or Municipal Fund. Such action of the Chairperson violate the provision of rules-338 and 339 of Orissa Municipal Rules 1953;

And whereas, the said Chairperson split up the works into number of reaches so as to limit the work within fifty thousand rupees and executed such work departmentally in order to escape from the operation of the provision of rules 338 and 339 of the Orissa Municipal Rules 1953;

And whereas, the Chairperson has purchased sanitary materials like Bleaching powder, Phenyl, Handle of Axe, Hammer etc. at a higher price from M/S Nawa Traders during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 for lakhs of rupees and Hellonex light Form local suppliers worth of Rupees 3.3 lakhs without inviting any tender in violation of Government orders;

And whereas, the Chairperson avoids the council meeting and prepares the resolution arbitrarily and the extract of the resolution is supplied to the councillors after three to four months which violates the provision of section 71 of Orissa Municipal Act 1950;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of Section 53 of the Orissa Municipal Act, 1950 (Orissa Act 23 of 1950), the State Government do hereby direct the Collector and district Magistrate, Bhadrak to enquire into the aforesaid allegations and furnish his report to this Department.

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By order of the Governor

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